

# Fauquier County Parks & Recreation Department

**March 1, 2006  
Warrenton Community Center  
Warrenton, VA**

Present:

Carl A. Bailey, Chairman  
Donald P. Johnson, Jr.  
Tom Harris  
Larry Miller, Ex Officio  
Niki Barwick, P&R Staff

Absent:

David Graham, Vice Chairman  
Debbie Reedy, Treasurer

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

I. Call to order

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chairman Carl A. Bailey.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda

**A motion was made by Donald Johnson that the agenda be adopted as presented with the addition of a Closed Session at the end of the regular agenda. Seconded by Tom Harris. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

IV. Comments from citizens – There were citizens present to express their concerns about the funding for the building projects at Monroe Park being put on hold. Chairman Bailey recognized the citizens present and heard to their comments as follows:

Jo Scott stated she had been a member of Friends of Monroe Park (FOMP) for many years and from that involvement she said she knew how much the community was looking forward to seeing this promised project completed. She continued, "now to learn that it may not happen is very upsetting." She also commented that she is concerned the donor of the site for the park, Mrs. Monroe, may not see the project completed.

Tricia Talbert stated that she has children ages 5 & 7 that love the museum and the park. While considering the future funding for the projects, she said that she hopes the Board of Supervisors will think of the future of the children and show them that they care about the Park enough to complete the project.

Pam Van Scoy stated that she has been very involved with the FOMP, and has been following

the development of the Park. She gave a brief history of the planning and development of the Park, and said she has waited for 11 years for its completion. Ms. Van Scoy reported that 1.2 million dollars is needed for the next phase of the project (the Assay Office and Bunk House) but that was cut to \$500,000. She reported that two thousand people visited Monroe Park last year, and FOMP wants to see the funding promised for the Park to be spent at Monroe Park. She then asked, "Where is the \$500,000 going that was designated for Monroe Park?"

Kimberly Strayer stated she works as a volunteer at the Fire Department, and is involved at Monroe Park and a member of FOMP. She said she wanted to speak to the Parks and Recreation Board to express her concerns about putting the funding for this project on hold.

Tom Sablon identified himself as a gold prospector, and gave a brief background on his long association with Monroe Park. He reported that his gold prospector association holds their meetings at the Park, he has made donations to the Park, and wants to see Pat and Thelma Monroe's dream come true.

Chairman Bailey spoke to the group stating that the funding for this phase of development of Monroe Park is on hold. He also said that the Parks and Recreation Board is 100% behind the completion of Monroe Park. He suggested that members of FOMP contact members of the Board of Supervisors to let them know how they feel.

Donald Johnson, representative on the Parks and Recreation Board from Lee District, apologized to FOMP for missing their last meeting. He reported that he had met with Chester Stribling earlier today, and that the Parks and Recreation Board was asked by County Staff to prioritize their list of projects. In that context, it is important to note that there are mandated projects such as maintenance and meeting ADA requirements, and then next on the list are the already funded projects such as Monroe Park and Marshall Community Center. Mr. Johnson then shared that in his opinion the already funded projects should go forward since the money is budgeted and ready to go to bid.

Mr. Johnson went on to say that there are some projects at Monroe that Scouts can do, such as bollards for the parking area and installation of volley ball court and horse shoe pit sites. He said speaking to the usage of the Park, "The fields are not used by the leagues because 'it is too far,' according to the leagues." He reminded those present that the Board of Supervisors would vote on March 9, 2006 on this funding.

V. Presentations/Commendations – None at this time.

VI. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Report & Payment of Bills
- C. Recognition plaque purchase with trust fund monies
- D. Animals in Parks Permit
- E. Use of Trust Fund donation

**A motion was made by Donald Johnson to adopt items on the consent agenda consisting of: the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting on February 1, 2006 as presented; the Treasurer's Report of check registers, financial reports and a budget action form requesting the transfer of funds from the insurance recovery account into the Parks and Recreation Equipment replacement fund as presented; Marshall Community Center playground trust fund monies be used to acquire the recognition plaque for the MCC auditorium as presented; Animals in Parks Permit for a horse-drawn carriage for August 12, 2006 at Crockett Park with the Rules and Regulations conditions items # 1 (liability), 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as presented; and the proposed expenditure of \$810 from the Rady Park Commemorative Trust Fund as presented. Seconded by Tom Harris. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

VII. Reports

A. Bids/Contracts Committee – Following a discussion of the meeting notes held on February 15, 2006, **a motion was made by Donald Johnson that the action taken by the Bids and Contracts Committee, as noted be ratified. Seconded by Tom Harris. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

B. Swimming Pools Planning Committee – Director Miller reported that a pre-construction meeting was held today. The contractor is ready, and the project at the Vint Hill Pools should be completed before season starts.

C. School Coop Agreement Liaison – Donald Johnson reported that the notes from the 2/21/06 meeting are enclosed in the meeting book. He then reviewed some items such as the Pierce Trail, Cedar Lee's improvements impacts on their courts, the Taylor Middle School PTO request solution, and the CIP coordination of projects. Mr. Miller reported that there are light poles that are not acceptable as determined by the lighting maintenance study.

D. Legislative Liaison – Tom Harris stated that the agenda page was comprehensive and should update the Board sufficiently. Mr. Miller reported that Bill 32/SB257 to exempt Parks and Recreation Departments in Virginia from licensing requirements for childcare is being considered. Mr. Johnson asked about the report on the MAP Grant Survey. Mr. Miller stated he would bring the report to the Board meeting in April.

E. Sports Coordination Council – Donald Johnson reported that the meeting was dominated by Soccer. The President of the Council is no longer on the Soccer Board. He then stated that the agenda page gave a brief description of the meeting.

F. Budget Committee – Tom Harris reported that the FY07 proposed budget is now on line, and brought the Board's attention to the update on the agenda page.

G. Revenue Philosophy/Policy – Tom Harris reported that a meeting of this committee was held, and reviewed good information provided by the Director. He said that the philosophy needs to be beefed up, and fees need more discussion.

I. Director's Report – In addition to the background/update in the report, Mr. Miller stated the following: 1) A meeting of the Aquatics Committee is needed. 2) A meeting of the Bids and Contracts Committee is needed to discuss the Connector Trail and ballfield lighting repairs. 3) The Lake Brittle Manager needs a vehicle. The staff wants to re prioritize the Equipment Replacement Program to be able to purchase the truck from that budget. There is sufficient funding in that budget to purchase the truck (\$6,000 from telephone hotline, and \$10,000 that is not designated). **A motion was made by Tom Harris to fund the purchase a truck for Lake Brittle from the equipment replacement budget after it is re-prioritized. Seconded by Donald Johnson. The vote was unanimous in favor.** 4) Theater usage – The Fauquier Community Theater wants to charge Parks and Recreation \$50 for each usage. 5) The pool concession business from summer 2005 is now being collected through scheduled payments with the total due to Parks and Recreation of approximately \$1,200. 6) Don Tharp's work at the old cemetery at C. M. Crockett Park is progressing and proving to be interesting. 7) The Raymond Farm feasibility study is due on 3/3/06. 8) Discussion is taking place to form a committee for Lake Brittle. 9) Rappahannock Station is on hold until the issue of the storm water management plan can be worked out. 10) Rappahannock Station – The County has to put a conservation easement on the site in exchange for fund raising done by Piedmont Environmental Council.

VIII. Action Items -

A. Sports Fields Complexes – Mr. Miller stated that he has nothing to add to the information on the agenda page.

B. Capital Improvement Program FY08-17 – Nothing to add to this item. Provided as information only.

C. Project funding prioritization – Following a lengthy discussion on this agenda item **a motion was made by Donald Johnson that no worksession was needed and the Board accepts the Project Funding Prioritization list and funding as shown on the agenda page. Seconded by Tom Harris. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

IX. Information Items - No comments on information provided.

A. Lighting Maintenance study – Mr. Miller reported that the proposal is expected by

the end of the week for all 5 poles in question. Chairman Bailey suggested that when the proposal comes in Mr. Miller should call a Bids and Contracts Committee meeting to get approval on the proposal.

B. Connections Plan – Tom Harris reported that the group was enthusiastic and worked well together. No Town representative or Warrenton Service District person was present. The Committee asked that the drawn lines between service districts be left off the plan. They liked the plan, but thought the lines could scare landowners. Mr. Miller reported the final report is due in April

X. Board Time

Tom Harris reported he would not be able to make the next meeting

XI. Closed Session -

**Donald Johnson moved to go into closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.1-344(A)(1) for Personnel. Tom Harris seconded and the vote for the motion was unanimous as follows:**

<b>Ayes:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Nays:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Absent during vote:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Abstention:</b>	<b>0</b>

Upon reconvening from the closed meeting, Donald Johnson moved to adopt the following certification. Seconded by Tom Harris. The vote was unanimous as follows:

#### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

**WHEREAS, the Fauquier County Parks and Recreation Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act: and**

**WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Parks and Recreation Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law; now, therefore, be it**

**RESOLVED this 1st day of March 2006, that the Parks and Recreation Board certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Parks and Recreation Board.**

**Vote:**

<b>Ayes:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Nays</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Absent during vote:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Absent during meeting:</b>	<b>0</b>

**A motion was made by Tom Harris to approve the proposal to elevate the Assistant Park Manager position for Lake Brittle to Park Manager. Seconded by Don Johnson. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, **a motion was made by Tom Harris to adjourn the**

**meeting. Seconded by Donald Johnson. The vote was unanimous in favor.** The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Carl A. Bailey  
Chairman  
Parks and Recreation Board

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Date